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Norwich March 23. 1810.

My dear friend

Though hurried to death previous to my leaving home, I must indulge in a line to you to thank you for your's of Feb. 20th. I trust when we talk together you will know me better than you do, & not attribute to too lively feelings any being hurt at what comes from a friend though infinitely less than what I should entirely disregard from an indiff.t person, or from my only enemy Salisbury. I do not doubt that Edwards & I shall agree — Surely he need not object to what I require, when I shall of course after my preface the first opportunity. I am never averse to "unsay" any error, ever so strongly. I agree with you that the Ed.r review is, for such a review, very favourable to me. The writer of the article is young & ignorant, & shews no sign of any good feeling or principle throughout the whole, except at.t decency at

the end, where he says every thing I could have wished, & with more effect after the other part. I am also highly pleased & flattered by the style in wch my Flora is mentioned ___

Your friend & mine (Konig I suspect) who mentioned this review to you, is a good fellow, but not competant to judge my character or yours.

I am most happy to assure you I feel you have quite cleared Curtis on the subject of the plates.

I wonder at what you tell me of Brown both as to reserve towards you, & partiality in that instance towards me.

I am much pleased with your opinion of the name Conchium. I wish you would adopt it, as Ventenat, & Gaertner have done, & Cavanilles intended. Your work & one I have in view on garden plants (but this is a secret between us at pres.t) will be fully as decisive as the Hort. Kew. ___ I cannot give way to Dry.r in this case, because he always declares he cares not at. goodness of names at all! Now I ought, & always will. ___

We will talk this over ___ I will bring yr. letter, as it will help me to recollect what I cannot now ans.r

I go to Camb.r the 28.th & to town Apr. 3.d to the Soc.y

I have just sent an ans.r to Monthly Magne in defence of the name Linnæus, & Linnean. ___ Farewell in great haste ever yrs.

J E Smith

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